

Maryland
(Dollars in Thousands)

Maryland	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	97,926	-4,764	93,162

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Maryland totaled about \$98 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$5 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a presence in Maryland with over 900 employees. Maryland has 21 units of the National Park System within its border and shares three park units with adjoining States. In addition, Maryland hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted almost 4 million visitors, created over 5,700 jobs, and generated \$358 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Maryland stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$720 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
 - \$947 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Patuxent Research Refuge* and *Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$2.0 million from National Park Service sites like *Antietam National Battlefield*, *Assateague Island National Seashore*, and *Fort McHenry national Monument and Historic Shrine*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Maryland would drop by about \$738 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	3,000	-153	2,847
Historic Preservation Fund	798	-40	758
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	816	-41	775
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	106	-5	101
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	9,164	-467	8,697
State and Wildlife Grants	632	-32	600
Total, Maryland	14,516	-738	13,778

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.